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SUBJ: SENEGALESE RELATIONS WITH SOUTH MOLUCCANS AND

NATIONAL LIBERATION COUNCIL OF WEST PAPUA/NEW

GUINEA

REF: THE HAGUE 0288, PORT MORESBY 1248

1. SUMMARY: SOUTH MOLUCCAN LEADER MANUSAMA VISITED DAKAR

JAN. 16. HE MAY HAVE DISCUSSED WITH GOS POSSIBILITY OF OPENING

DAKAR OFFICE SIMILAR TO THAT MAINTAINED BY NATIONAL

LIBERATION COUNCIL OF WEST PAPUA/NEW GUINEA. LATTER HAS

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MAINTAINED LOW PROFILE TO DATE, BUT REPORTEDLY HAS PLANS TO

EXPAND OFFICE TO SIX PERSONS. BY OFFERING HAVEN TO SUCH GROUPS, SENEGAL MAY HOPE TO ENHANCE ITS PROGRESSIVE IMAGE IN SAME FASHION AS IT HAS BY PERMITTING PLA AND SWAPO OFFICES. PRESIDENT SENGHOR MAY SEE THESE RELATIONS AS BRIDGES TO DISTANT BLACK COMMUNITIES, AND MAY ALSO BE TRYING TO GENERATE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH HE MIGHT BECOME POTENTIAL MEDIATOR IN INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS WITH CONTACTS ON BOTH SIDES. DISSIDENT GROUPS WITH OFFICES IN SENEGAL ARE LIKELY TO BE KEPT UNDER TIGHT REIN BY GOS. TIME MIGHT BE RIPE FOR INDONESIAN INQUIRIES INTO GOS INTENTIONS TOWARD SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPT'S GUIDANCE ON CONTACTS WITH SEPARATIST INDONESIAN REPRESENTATIVES.
END SUMMARY.

2. SOUTH MOLUCCAN LEADER MANUSAMA WAS IN DAKAR WITH TWO ASSISTANTS JAN. 16. THEY STAYED OPENLY IN TERANGA, DAKAR'S MOST EXPENSIVE DOWNTOWN HOTEL. HOWEVER, VISIT WAS QUIET IN OTHER RESPECTS, AND RECEPTION COULD HARDLY BE CHARACTERIZED AS "MAGNIFICENT." EMBASSY SAW NO MEDIA COVERAGE, AND MANUSAMA'S NAME DID NOT APPEAR IN DAILY LISTS OF THOSE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR, DESPITE RUMOR THAT HE SAW EITHER SENGHOR OR PRIME MINISTER DIOUF. DUTCH HAVE HEARD THAT MANUSAMA TRAVELLED ON DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT WITH THREE-MONTH VALIDITY ISSUED BY GOS EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS. MANUSAMA REPORTEDLY WAS ALSO INVITED TO GHANA, BUT NOT CLEAR HERE WHETHER HE WENT OR NOT; DUTCH THINK NOT.

3. DUTCH TOLD US THEY PLAN TO COMMUNICATE THEIR VIEW ON SOUTH MOLUCCAN PROBLEM TO GOS, NAMELY THAT WHILE THEY REGRET MOLUCCAN GRIEVANCES, SOUTH MOLUCCA HAS NO LEGAL RIGHT TO SECEDE FROM INDONESIA AND, IN ANY CASE, MATTER IS FOR INDONESIANS TO DECIDE, NOT DUTCH. (HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO LOCAL EMBOFFS, DUTCH ARE CONCERNED WITH PROBLEM OF INTEGRATING DISSIDENT SOUTH MOLUCCAN EMIGREE COMMUNITY INTO MAINSTREAM OF LIFE IN NETHERLANDS AND WOULD TAKE DIM VIEW IF PROBLEM INTERNATIONALIZED AND FURTHER POLITICIZED BY ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE IN DAKAR).

4. REPORT THAT MANUSAMA WAS SHOWN LARGE HOUSE WHICH GOS WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE WOULD PARALLEL TREATMENT
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ACCORDED BERNARD TANGGAHMA, "FOREIGN MINISTER" OF NATIONAL LIBERATION COUNCIL OF WEST PAPUA/NEW GUINEA, WHO HAS OPERATED "INFORMATION OFFICE" SINCE MID-1975 IN LARGE HOUSE IN DAKAR REPORTEDLY PROVIDED BY GOS. IN ADDITION TO TANGGAHMA, OFFICE STAFF INCLUDES SECOND OFFICER FROM WEST NEW GUINEA, AND TANGGAHMA RECENTLY TOLD INFORMANT THAT FOUR MORE "COLLEAGUES" WOULD BE ARRIVING IN SUMMER 1976. TANGGAHMA HAS MAINTAINED EXCEEDINGLY LOW PROFILE SINCE INITIAL NEWSPAPER

STORY LAST JULY REPORTING HIS ARRIVAL. EMBOFFS HAVE OBSERVED HIM AT AIRPORT AND IN VICINITY OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, BUT BOTH WE AND DUTCH HAVE FOUND HIM EVASIVE FIGURE. WHEN EMBOFF ENCOUNTERED TANGGAHMA BY CHANCE IN OFFICE OF LOCAL SWAPO REPRESENTATIVE, TANGGAHMA WITHDREW IN CONFUSION, MUMBLING ABOUT HIS STATUS NOT BEING REGULARIZED AND SAYING HE SHOULD NOT BE IN CONTACT WITH DIPLOMATS. IT APPEARED HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT KEEPING WITHIN RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON HIS ACTIVITIES BY GOS.

5. GOS RATIONALE FOR OFFERING HAVEN FOR SEPARATIST FOREIGN POLITICAL FACTIONS IS INTERESTING QUESTION. SENEGAL HAS GOTTEN GOOD POLITICAL MILEAGE OUT OF BEING FIRST BLACK AFRICAN STATE TO HAVE PLO OFFICE, AND SWAPO'S WEST AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVE IN CHIEF HAS BEEN LOCATED IN DAKAR FOR OVER A YEAR. GESTURES TO PLO AND SWAPO HAVE HELPED ENHANCE PROGRESSIVE IMAGE OF COMPARATIVELY CONSERVATIVE AFRICAN REGIME AT HOME AND GAIN INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION. (ON OTHER HAND, DISSIDENT POLITICAL ELEMENTS FROM MORE RADICAL REGIMES SUCH AS GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU AND BENIN ALSO HAVE MORE FREEDOM OF RESIDENCE AND TRAVEL IN SENEGAL THAN THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD LIKE.) AS AFRICAN ELDER STATESMAN WITH UNPARALLELED ACCESS TO,

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AND RESPECT IN, WESTERN POLITICAL AND INTELLECTUAL CIRCLES, SENGHOR APPEARS INTENT ON ALSO EARNING TRUST OF SELECTED RADICAL MOVEMENTS IN THIRD WORLD, PROBABLY IN THEORY THAT HE THEN EMERGES AS LEADING CANDIDATE TO FACILITATE DIALOGUE BETWEEN OPPOSING SIDES. WHILE FRATERNIZING WITH INDONESIAN SEPARATISTS CONSTITUTES MORE ADVENTUROUS "RADICAL CHIC" THAN THAT OF ASSOCIATING WITH PLO AND SWAPO, RATIONALE IS PROBABLY SAME.

6. PRESIDENT SENGHOR MAY ALSO SEE THESE RELATIONSHIPS AS OPENINGS TO DISTANT ELEMENTS OF BLACK COMMUNITY WHO SHARE COMMON VALUES WITH SENEGAL REPRESENTED BY SENGHOR'S CONCEPT OF
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NEGRITUDE.

7. DEALINGS WITH INDONESIAN SEPARATIST GROUPS APPEAR TO BE "VEST POCKET" OPERATIONS CLOSELY CONTROLLED BY SENGHOR. (SURETE REPRESENTATIVE TOLD EMBOFF HIS OFFICE HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS OR INFORMATION ON EITHER ORGANIZATION).

8. DUTCH EMBOFF REMARKED TO US THAT SENEGAL HAD NOTHING TO LOSE IN FORGING SOUTH MOLUCCAN CONNECTION AND, AT WORST, MIGHT GAIN DIPLOMATIC BARGAINING CHIP FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH DUTCH OR OTHERS WHO MIGHT BE PREPARED TO GIVE CONCESSIONS TO SENEGAL IN RETURN FOR RESTRAINING MOLUCCANS. TIME MIGHT BE RIPE FOR INDONESIAN OVERTURES TO SENEGAL INCLUDING AID OFFER OR SOME OTHER INCENTIVE TO WEAN GOS AWAY FROM FLIRTATION WITH DISSIDENT ELEMENTS.

9. AS WITH PLO AND, APPARENTLY, WEST PAPUA/NEW GUINEA GROUP, WE WOULD EXPECT SENEGALESE TO KEEP TIGHT REIN ON SOUTH MOLUCCANS. SENEGALESE WOULD BE EXTREMELY UNLIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED IN SUPPLYING WEAPONS OR TRAINING TERRORISTS. DIRECT IMPLICATION OF SENEGAL IN TERRORIST OPERATION ELSEWHERE-- OR INVOLVEMENT OF GROUP REPRESENTED IN DAKAR IN TERRORIST ACT

ON SENEGALESE SOIL--WOULD PROBABLY BE STATED IN ADVANCE AS EVENTS WHICH WOULD RESULT IN CLOSURE OF OFFICE BY GOS.

10. TANGGAHMA'S OFFICE IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO HOUSE OCCUPIED

BY EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS ASSISTANT, AND OPPORTUNITY
FOR SUBSTANTIVE CONTACT WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL COULD ARISE.
(TANGGAHMA EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING CONGRESSMAN DIGGS
DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO DAKAR IN EARLY JANUARY, BUT DIGGS
HAD ALREADY LEFT TOWN WHEN REQUEST MADE). EMBASSY WOULD APPRE-
CIATE ANY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ON ASSOCIATION
BY EMBOFFS WITH INDONESIAN SEPARATIST GROUPS.
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